

Journal

Organization Unit

From:

Hq CG"R"

To:

10001 Jan 45

Place:

32100 Jan 45

BAERENTHAL, REIPERTSWILLER, INGWILLER

Time	Serial	Time	Incidents, messages, orders, etc.	Action taken
In	Out	Dated		
			<p>Task Force HUDELSON consisting of Hq CGR, 62 AIB, 117 Cav Sqd, 94 Cav Rcn Sqd M (rcn sqds comd by Lt Col Hodge, 117) 500 AFA (17 FA in support), 1-540 Combat Engr, A-125 A Engr, B-645 TD Bn, B-83 Mortar Bn held defensive position along a line just S of BITCHE (7719)-EQUELSHARDT (8246)-NEUNHOFFEN (9146)-CP of TFF & 500 AFA, 1-540 Engr BAERENTHAL (843418) CP Cav Co-MOUTERHOUSE (795425) CP 62 AIB-PHILIPPSBOURG (888426).</p> <p>During night Dec 31, By patrols tested out our defensive positions: 2 patrols hit A-62 in our right sector; 1 hit B-62 in center of Bn sector and 1 hit C-62 on left Bn sector. 2 patrols infiltrated deep into right portion of 94 Cav sector.</p> <p>VI Corps G-2 had warned all of By intentions to atk; everyone alerted and on position.</p> <p>At 0001 Jan By flare set off on right flank of TFF sector. Simultaneously, 7-man officer-led outpost of 100 Div, establ to maintain contact w/TFF, notified that they were surrounded by 60 By. TD's delivered fire to assist outpost.</p> <p>By exerted strong pressure-coordinated atk-against A & B-62 and left flank of 117. A & B Cos 540 were sent to reinforce 62 & 117. A & B-62 held. After bitter fighting throughout early morning 2 troops of 117 on left were isolated and thought to be overrun. Pressure shifted to the over-extended sector of C-62. Bitter fighting continued throughout the morning and by noon C-62 was completely cut off. The By drive continued to move S to BANNSTEIN (832447) & thence S on the 2 roads leading to the MOUTERHOUSE-BAERENTHAL road at (809425) and at (821425). A-125 and 2 plts 540 Eng attempting to move over these roads to BANNSTEIN were unable to reach their objective and took up defensive positions astride the roads.</p> <p>Meanwhile 19 AIB had been alerted to move to the BAERENTHAL area to assist. By 0745 leading elements arrived and</p>	

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				<p>went to MOUTERHOUSE where they assembled for a counterattack. A-19, less 1 plt, held to protect TFH CP, moved to the center of TFH sector to stop the R drive there.</p> <p>From 1300 to 1500 TFH CP was under direct attack by R company; all Rq personnel assisted defence platoon in holding off the attack. The timely arrival of A-25 Tk Bn forced R to withdraw. Throughout the afternoon the CP was subjected to bombing, strafing, and observed artillery fire. The communication lines between MOUTERHOUSE and BARRENTHAL, and between BARRENTHAL and PHILIPPSBOURG being cut, the position was no longer tenable; Rq withdrew via ZINSWILLER, OFFWILLER to REIPERTSWILLER (801361).</p> <p>Except for area of A & B-62 the situation further deteriorated before the fanatical R drive and all troops fell back just S of the line MOUTERHOUSE-BARRENTHAL-PHILIPPSBOURG.</p> <p>During the night of Jan 1-2, R continued to advance to the S. 1 Plt A-19 provided protection for TFH CP & 1 Plt each from the same company took up defensive positions at (7339) and (802390) astride the unprotected roads leading into REIPERTSWILLER. Against overwhelming odds the two platoons held out against armored columns until 1000. They were replaced by 313 Inf. At 1630 TFH CP moved to INGWILLER (8130), 500 AFA, A-25 & 1 Plt TD attached to 313 Inf.</p> <p>Jan 3, 62 AIB was relieved by 275 Inf, 117 Cav & 94 Cav were relieved by 179 Inf and proceeded to assembly area at RINGENDORF (8723) and KIRNWEILER (8524) respectively. A-19 AIB moved to OBERMODERN (8527), 19 AIB(-) plus C-117 took up defensive positions E of SARREINSBERG (7342) and were attached to 179 Inf.</p> <p>More than 1000 R were killed and at least 2000 more wounded. We lost 5 Off, killed or missing, & 167 M.</p> <p>Jan 3. CP-TFH dissolved-CGR moved to BOUXWILLER (8125).</p>	

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			0630	Lia Off from 19 AIB reported to CP	
			0730	CO arrived at CP	
			0900	CO & Lia Off from 19 AIB visited CO at Div CP	
			0915	CO and Lia Off returned from CO.	
			0930	CO, S-2 to CP 19 AIB.	
			1000	S-3 to Div.	
			1110	S-3 returned to CP	
			1330	S-3 to Div for briefing.	
			1400	Received G-3 #1.	
			1450	S-1, S-3 went to Board Meeting.	
			1515	S-1, S-3 returned to CP.	
			1630	CO, S-2 returned to CP.	
			1830	CO left CP for quarters.	

Unit

Hq CC"R"

52100 Jan 15

62100 Jan 15

BOUXVILLER, FRANCE

0800 CO arrived at CP
1030 CO, S-2 to Div CP
1130 CO, S-2 returned to CP
1320 CO, S-2, S-3 at Div CP for briefing
1415 CO, S-2, S-3 returned to CP
1615 CO returned to quarters.

62100 Jan 15

72100 Jan 15

0800 CO arrived at CP
0830 S-2 to 62 AIB CP
1030 S-2 returned to CP
1045 CO to G-3, 14th A.D.
1105 CO returned to CP
1330 CO to Div CP for briefing
1415 CO returned to CP
1615 CO returned to quarters.

72100 Jan 15

82100 Jan 15

0800 CO arrived at CP
1000 CO, S-2, S-3 to Div CP
1030 CO, S-2, S-3 returned to CP
1330 CO to Div CP for briefing
1440 CO returned to CP
1800 CO returned to quarters.

82100 Jan 15

92100 Jan 15

0800 CO arrived at CP
0920 S-2, S-3 to Div CP
1010 CO to Div CP
1030 S-2, S-3 returned to CP
1035 CO returned to CP
1330 CO to Div CP for briefing
1415 CO returned to CP
1610 CO returned to quarters.

92100 Jan 15

102100 Jan 15

0750 CO arrived at CP
0920 S-2 to Div CP for G-2 information
1010 S-2 returned to CP
1315 CO to Div CP for briefing
1420 CO returned to CP
1805 CO retired to quarters.

Unit

Hq CC^R^

102100 Jan 16

112100 Jan 16

BOUXVILLER, FRANCE

0715 CC to CP
 0715 CC instructed that CP was to move from BOUXVILLER to vic MORSERAIN les BAINS.
 0900 CC^R^ received Opn Instructions #8 which attached 17 (-), 19, 94 (-), 117, 125 (-) for march to forward assembly area.
 0930 CC gave march order to units under CC^R^ for march to Fwd Assembly Area. Oral order.
 1210 CP CC^R^ closed out of BOUXVILLER.
 1300 Hq CC^R^ crossed IP
 1350 Hq CC^R^ established at LAUBACH.
 1400 94 (-) closed in GUNDERSCOFFEN.
 1600 125 (-) closed in ORIESBACH.
 1600 17 (-) closed in MERTZVILLER.
 1715 19 AIB closed in FORSTHEIM
 1800 CC, S-2, S-3 to Div CP
 1700 CC, S-2, S-3 returned.
 1930 CC, S-3 to confer with CC
 2100 CC, S-3 returned with attack plan
 2200 Lia O to CP with final plans.
 2300 CC issued attack plan to 19, 17, 125-A.

Unit

Hq CC"R"

112400 Jan 15

122400 Jan 15

LAUBACH, FRANCE

0600	1st Element CC"R" moved from assembly area.
0710	CP CC"R" closed out of LAUBACH.
1000	CP CC"R" opened in HOLSCHLOCH.
1000	Task Force alerted.
1030	CO, 3-2 to Div CP
1130	CO, 3-2 returned CP.
1500	CO, 3-3 to Div Fwd CP
1700	CO, 3-3 returned CP
1815	CO's, 19, 47 and A-125 at CP for operation conference with CO CC"R"
1940	CO, 3-2, 3-3 to Div Fwd to confer with CO.
2030	Our units alerted to move to vic of NIEDERRETSCHDORF.

Init

Hq CO's

122100 Jan 15

132100 Jan 15

OBERSCHNEIDT, FRANCE

0001 Adv GP moved to OBERSCHNEIDT
0020 Adv GP closed at OBERSCHNEIDT
0400 CO's of 19, 17 visited GP
0550 CO and S-3 joined Adv GP
0610 Meeting of CO's 19, 17, A-125.
0630 CO of A-94 reported in and received instructions.
0710 CO, S-3 of 2nd Bn, 242 visited GP.
0715 In 0 from Div Arty reported in.
0715 In 0 from 19, 17 reported in.
0800 17 crossed LB encountered SA fire.
0803 19 crossed LB wire coming out.
0815 Scatter reported smoke mission completed, prepared to repeat.
0815 17 crossed LB #2, visibility poor because of smoke.
0900 CO's in 0 to 19; ran receiving mortar fire.
0900 G-17 in position to fire on objective.
0910 A-94 at check point #3, nothing to report.
0912 A-94 at check Point #1, nothing to report.
0910 G-17 fired on church steeple, reported they knocked out one tank.
0950 CO to GP's, 19 AIB, 17 1st Bn.
0955 17 reported loss of 3 Tns by action in vic HATTEN.
1008 A-94 reached check Point #6; all clear.
1025 CO returned to GP
1030 19 held up along LB #3, requesting artillery fire.
1040 CO to 19, 17.
1125 CO returned to GP.
1200 CO to GP, 19-17.
1230 CO 14 AD to GP
1240 CO 14 AD left GP.
1310 Col HOFFEN from STUBSA at GP (observing)
1410 Col HOFFEN left GP.
1510 Message from CO relative to contact made by 17 with Inf in HATTEN.
1525 Report of 79 to GP (Col HOFFEN)
1515 Col SCHRIEBER of 242 at GP.
1600 G-3 of 14 AD at GP
1610 Ass't G-2 at GP
1655 Telephone msg from CO relative to disposition of troops via HATTEN.
1730 CO returned to GP.
1930 CO, S-3 to confer with CG.

Unit

Hq CC"R"

122100 Jan 15

132100 Jan 15

OBERSIECHDORF, FRANCE

2100
2130
2300

Received word of counterattack against
RITTERSHOFFEN, organized local defenses.
OO 17 at CP for CI for 14 Jan.
Q/A on RITTERSHOFFEN stopped.

Unit

CG 1st

132100 Jan 15

112100 Jan 15

OBERBETSCHDORF, FRANCE

0030	Message from 62 AIB to CG (brought info on disposition of troops).	
0100	Lia O from 25 Th (CG) at CG gave fire plan for day. Received our plan for days activities.	
0300	Maj HIASILLA at CG to get info on O/A of last night.	
0700	17th moved into position.	
0800	Continued to attack HATTEN.	
1130	Began to advance in HATTEN.	
1100	CG, 1st AD at CG.	
1130	CG, 1st AD left CG.	
1145	CG, VI Corps at CG.	
1130	CG, VI Corps left CG.	
1500	Co "F", 9th to WIEBERBETSCHDORF.	
1500	CG 9th at CG.	
1530	Co "F" received assignment in defensive plan.	
1515	O/S 1st AD at CG.	
1600	Received orders from CG 1st AD to institute air-tight defense in anticipation of strong attack.	Instituted plans for defense.
1930	CG, 3-3 to Div CG.	

Unit

Hq CC"R"

142400 Jan 15

152400 Jan 15

OBENRETSCHDOFF, FRANCE

0600	19 reported by phone C/A from E contained.
0630	19 reported by phone C/A from S contained.
0830	CO to Div CP by motor to discuss possible support to take high ground E of HATTEN.
0850	CO returned. B-47 to return today to our control.
0900	CO by motor to CP 17 and 19
0935	CO returned to CP.
1050	CO of 14 AB; CO of 79 Div arrived at CP.
1100	CO of 14 AB & 79 Div left.
1240	Our Lia O from Div.
1310	Attack order issued by CO to restore N road in HATTEN.
1500	CO to CP 19 AIR, then to Fnd CP.
1620	CO returned (could not get to Fnd CP, heavy arty fire).
1930	CO to Div CP (for briefing).
2010	CO returned to CP.

Unit

Hq COBPS

152100 Jan 45

162100 Jan 45

ONNESTEDORF, FRANCE.

0950
1015

Col CAHN 1-315 arrived.
CS 14 AB arrived to discuss attack
of HATTEN.

1022
1025

CS departed.
CS of 48 arrived to confer with Col
HUNTERSON.

1030
1045

CS of 48 departed.
CS of 79 arrived to discuss progress
with Col HUNTERSON.

1105
1110
1515

CS of 79 departed.
Col CAHN departed.
C/S of 14 AB arrived, discussing
situation.

1530

CS 79 Div arrived to discuss ops
for night.

1550
1925
2020

CS 79 Div departed.
CS departed to Div OP for meeting.
CS returned to OP.

Unit

CC"R"

162100 Jan 15

172100 Jan 15

OBENSTEDTBOURG, FRANCE

0900	CO to 1st CP.
0905	C/S 1st AD arrived.
0908	CG 79 Div arrived at CP to talk with Maj OWING.
0920	CG 79 Div departed.
0930	C/S departed.
0930	Gen WILK came to see Gen WYTH, departed immediately.
1015	CO returned.
1125	C/S arrived to discuss operations.
1130	C/S departed.
1210	CO to CP's, 19-17.
1650	CO returned to CP.
1925	CO to 1st CP.
2005	CO returned to CP.

Unit

Hq CG"RP

172100 Jan 15

182100 Jan 15

OBERRETSCHDORF, FRANCE

0620	CG to CP 19 AIR.
0815	CG returned to CP.
0900	Col SCHRIEBER arrived to discuss defenses.
0955	Col SCHRIEBER departed.
1005	CG 14 AB arrived at CP to discuss operations.
1020	CG 14 AB departed.
1220	CG to CP 17.
1245	CG returned to CP.
1420	IG arrived to discuss needs.
1515	IG departed.
1515	C/S arrived (discuss program).
1543	C/S departed.
1550	CG to CP 17.
1555	Col SCHRIEBER arrived.
1605	CG returned to CP.
1615	Col SCHRIEBER departed.
1920	CG to Hq CP for meeting.
2010	CG returned to CP.

Unit

Hq G3"R"

182100 Jan 45

192100 Jan 45

OBERNETSCHDORF, FRANCE

L-119

0645 TF W/TE - Veh activity in BUEL, ASCH-
BACH, STUNWILLER, & HATTEN - think
attack imminent.
0655 47 - ground muddy on top but firm
underneath Tks o.k.
0730 Inf atk from S, E, NE supported by
1 Tk, flat trajectory fire from W.
0815 GO to GP 47 to direct defense.
0830 G-3 called; can use P-94.
0855 Need medics, brunt of atk on our SE,
hvy SA fire. Keep arty on N flank &
E.
0905 Slow down arty fire but increase it
in the draws, send armor fast, sit-
uation bad, want armor to help them
close in hand to hand.
0910 GO returned to GP.
0915 47 - everything under control and
going according to plan, no change
in HATTEN, fairly quiet.
0920 Aid station demolished, need medics
badly. Fire quieting down, 3 Tks
in town.
0922 C/S arrived to discuss C/A.
1000 Medics and supplies arrived in HATTEN.
1010 GO, C/S to Fwd GP.
1035 47 GP says KO'd AT Gun.
1037 GO phoned, - aid station leveled.
1046 S-2; 47- 1 Td got into HATTEN from
E - fire.
1050 19- 2 Tks from E and 1 from N, need
plasma.
1110 19-fallen back slightly atk by tks,
inf, and bazookas.
1150 19 - send tks at once. By attacking our
position from S.
1205 19-Our ambulance seen going into HATTEN,
AG and mortars firing on HATTEN.
1210 HOLDEN- need for tks urgent, By tks
S of them, being pushed back from E.
1220 Last 5 or 6 houses pressure from E,
calling for tks.
1220 GO - 1 Med and 2 Lts to report to
HOLDEN.
1225 19-1 ambulance returned w/casualties,
evacuated. Mortars and AG blazing
away. TD firing on target in S of
HATTEN.

Unit

Hq Co "B"

1318	Co and C/S returned.
1327	Maj DANIEL - have 11 medics of 19 in HATTEN and 5 off 9h. Lost 1 ambulance in town.
1345	Intermittent S/A and heavy arty and mortar expect another attack when it has re- organized.
1440	Pressure has slackened.
1515	Col SCHRIEBER arrived to discuss defenses.
1515	Col SCHRIEBER departed.
1925	CO to Hq CP for meeting.
2018	CO returned.

Unit

Hq CGR

192400 Jan 45

202400 Jan 45

OBERRETSCHDORF, FRANCE

0900	CG to CP 47, 19
0920	CG returned.
0940	Fwd CP, everything is quiet.
1300	CG to Div CP for meeting.
1340	CG returned.
1400	S-3 to Div CP for MO on proposed move.
1440	S-3 returned.
1500	Meeting of all CG's at CP.
1800	First units proceeded to withdraw from HATEN.
1830	Units proceeded to new assembly areas.
2145	CGR Hq left for new CP.

Unit

Hq CC"R"

202100 Jan 15

212100 Jan 15

WOLSCHEIM, FRANCE

0930
1015

Arrived at new CP via WOLSCHEIM.
Units reported closed in after
difficult road march - bad weather.

1100
1110
1140
1520

CO and S-3 to Div CP
CO and S-3 returned.
S-2 to Div CP.
S-2 returned.

Unit

Hq CGP

212400 Jan 15

222400 Jan 15

WOLSKHEIM, FRANCE

0800 Orders issued for our units to re-equip and reorganize as quickly as possible.
0900 S-94 to set up local defense of this town.
1005 CO to PHALSBURG.
1110 CO returned.
1300 CO and S-3 to Div CP for briefing.
1450 CO and S-3 returned.

222400 Jan 15

232400 Jan 15

0900 S-2 and S-2's of our units to Div CP for meeting.
1000 CO and S-3 to CP 17, 19
1105 CO and S-3 returned.
1130 S-2 returned.
1300 CO and S-3 to Div CP for briefing.
1315 Security Officer arrived, to give lecture to 19, 47.
1420 CO and S-3 returned.
1620 Security officer completed mission.